

Listing of Claims:

1-18. (canceled)

19. (currently amended) A content output device, comprising:
a media player unit adapted to access a media stream comprising a first
sequence of content items continuously communicated from a first media source and to
provide a first content item of said first sequence of content items as an output, wherein:
said media player unit is further adapted to receive user feedback for said first
content item, and in response to receiving negative user feedback indicating that a user
dislikes said first content item:

send a request to said first media source to modify said media stream
received from said first media source by replacing said first sequence of content
items in said media stream with [[for]] a second sequence of content items to be
continuously communicated from said first media source of content items, said
second sequence of content items selected based on said negative user
feedback, said request associated with a delay time during which said second
sequence of content items is not available for output by said media player unit;

access at least one second content item from at least one second media
source, wherein said at least one second content item is available in less than
said delay time;

replace said first content item with said at least one second content item
as said output during said delay time for which said second sequence of content
items is not available; and

after said delay time, replace said at least one second content item with at least a third content item from said second sequence of content items as said output.

20. (previously presented) The content output device according to claim 19, wherein said media player unit comprises a first media player having access to said first and second sequences of content items from said first media source and a second media player having access to said second content items from said second media source.

21. (currently amended) The content output device according to claim 19, wherein said first media source is located outside of said content output device and is adapted to provide said first and second sequences of content items as said media stream streams to said media player unit.

22. (previously presented) The content output device according to claim 21, further comprising a buffer adapted to buffer said first and second sequences of content items provided by said first media source within said media player unit before said media player unit provides said content items from said first and second sequences as said output.

23. (previously presented) The content output device according to claim 21, wherein said first media source is adapted to choose said second sequence of content

items to be provided in dependence on said negative user feedback on said first content item.

24. (previously presented) The content output device according to claim 21, wherein said media player unit is adapted such that said first content item which is provided by said first media source and which is currently output is fadeable out in response to said negative user feedback.

25. (previously presented) The content output device according to claim 19, wherein said second media source is adapted to load or download said second content items from a remote location.

26. (previously presented) The content output device according to claim 25, wherein at least one second content item is a jingle.

27. (previously presented) The content output device according to claim 19, wherein the content output device is adapted to provide said second content items, when provided to a user of the content output device, from a prepared media file.

28. (currently amended) A method for providing content to a user by a content output device, the method comprising:

accessing a media stream comprising a first sequence of content items continuously communicated from a first media source and providing a first content item of said first sequence as an output;

receiving negative user feedback indicating that a user dislikes [[for]] said first content item; and

in response to said negative user feedback:

sending a request to said first media source to modify said media stream received from said first media source by replacing said first sequence of content items in said media stream with [[for]] a second sequence of content items to be continuously communicated from said first media source content items, said second sequence of content items selected based on said negative user feedback, said request associated with a delay time during which said second sequence of content items is not available for output;

accessing at least one second content item from at least one second media source, wherein said at least one second content item is available for output without waiting for said delay time;

replacing said first content item with said at least one second content item as said output during said delay time for which said second sequence of content items is not available; and[[.]]

after said delay time, replacing said at least one second content item with at least a third content item from said second sequence of content items as said output.

29. (canceled)

30. (currently amended) The method according to claim 28[[29]], further comprising buffering said first and second sequences of content items provided by said first media source before providing said first and third content items as said output.

31. (currently amended) The method according to claim 28[[29]], further comprising fading out said first content item after a change of said media stream has been initiated.

32. (previously presented) The method according to claim 28, further comprising loading or downloading said second content items by said second media source from a remote location.

33. (previously presented) The method according to claim 32, wherein at least one second content item is a jingle.

34. (previously presented) The method according to claim 28, wherein the second content items, when provided to a user, are provided at the content output device from a prepared media file.

35. (canceled)

36. (currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium, storing thereon computer executable instructions for performing a method comprising:

accessing a media stream comprising a first sequence of content items continuously communicated from a first media source and providing a first content item of said first sequence as an output;

receiving negative user feedback indicating that a user dislikes [[for]] said first content item; and

in response to said negative user feedback:

sending a request to said first media source to modify said media stream received from said first media source by replacing said first sequence of content items in said media stream with [[for]] a second sequence of content items to be continuously communicated from said first media source content items, said second sequence of content items selected based on said negative user feedback, said request associated with a delay time during which said second sequence of content items is not available for output;

accessing at least one second content item from at least one second media source, wherein said at least one second content item is available for output without waiting for said delay time;

replacing said first content item with said at least one second content item as said output during said delay time for which said second sequence of content items is not available; and[[,]]

after said delay time, replacing said at least one second content item with at least a third content item from said second sequence of content items as said output.

37. (previously presented) The content output device according to claim 19, wherein said second sequence is a continuation of said first sequence.

38. (previously presented) The content output device according to claim 19, wherein said media player comprises a single media player adapted to access both said first media source and said second media source.

39. (currently amended) The content output device according to claim 19, wherein said media player is adapted to load or download said second content items from said second media source before sending said request to said first media source to modify said media stream with [[for]] said second sequence of content items.

40. (currently amended) The content output device according to claim 19, wherein said media player is adapted to directly access said second content items such that said media player loads or downloads said second content items from said second media source in substantially real-time.